

A SON IS GIVEN - WONDERFUL COUNSELOR: Isaiah 9:1-7

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DO NOT IMITATE EVIL; IMITATE GOOD

- 700+ years before Jesus came to the earth by becoming man.
- Isaiah the Prophet, empowered by God the Holy Spirit, stood on a mountaintop as it were and predicted hundreds of things that would take place. And the majority of his prophecies are about the Lord Jesus Christ—the Son that is given.
- “In the text of Isaiah, God openly claims to be the only one who can decree, declare, and determine the future by his sovereign power (41:21-29; 46:10), the only one who makes a plan that cannot be thwarted and has a hand that stretches out over all the nations (14:26).” (Andrew M. Davis, *Exalting Christ in Isaiah*, pg. 4)

1. THE PEOPLE WALKED IN DARKNESS

- **ISAIAH 2:** Isaiah says to the people, “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.” **ISAIAH 5:** They are not walking in the light but, rather, they are people who “Call evil good & good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness.”
- **The picture Isaiah paints leading up to this passage is a dark one!** Not only do the people do dark deeds, they also have shut their eyes to the truth of what God has revealed in His Word and sought counsel from mediums and necromancers.
- **On top of being morally dark and refusing to look at the light of God’s Word,** the Assyrians are invading from the North. Zubulan and Naphtali, which are in the northern part of Israel in a region called Galilee, have already been captured by the Assyrians.
 - **WALKED** (v.2) = actions.
 - **DWELT** (v.2) = surroundings.
- **They did dark deeds, they shut their eyes to the light of God’s Word, & an enemy is coming to destroy them.**

Q. Christian, do you know this describes what you were like before God saved you for Jesus’ sake?

This is what you have been saved from.

- **In Ephesians 4:17-19 Paul elaborates on the darkness we have been saved from:** “They (natural man, outside of being united to Christ) are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.”

Q. Do you know this describes you if you have not been born again by God?

This describes what you need to be saved from.

2. GOD SHINES LIGHT ON THEM

- **This passage is about Jesus!** (Matthew 4:14-16, when Jesus moves from Nazareth to Capernaum)
- **In fact, the Apostle John says in John 12:41** “Isaiah saw Jesus and spoke of his glory.”
- **NOTICE HOW ISAIAH DEPICTS THESE PEOPLE BEING SAVED FROM THIS DARKNESS:**
 - **SEE A GREAT LIGHT:** Suddenly, though they had been walking in darkness they see a great light—they clearly see the truth concerning Jesus.
 - **ON THEM A LIGHT HAS SHONE:** Suddenly, though they not only walked a light flashes out of the darkness like a spotlight on themselves—they see the truth concerning themselves.

Q. Do you know this is how God saved you, Christian?

- **2 Corinthians 4:6** “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
- **“Jesus did not just stand at the door of your heart knocking. He blew the door off the hinges.” - Dr. Steven Lawson**

Q. Do you know this is what you need to happen to you if you are not yet trusting in and bowing to Jesus?

- **2 Corinthians 4:3-6** “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

3. WHAT THE LIGHT PRODUCES

- **1. Joy (v.3a). 2. Freedom from slavery (v.4)** Isaiah uses a story from the Book of Judges to help us see the impossible is possible with the LORD God. The Lord defeats the Midianite army through the leadership of Gideon. The LORD prunes down Gideon's army from 32k, 22k, 300. Why? To show that he is the One who gives victory. **3. Peace (v.5)**
- **4. Worship (v.3b)**

4. HOW JESUS DOES THAT (WONDERFUL COUNSELOR)

- **He is born (v.6a). He is given (v.6b). He bears the full weight of the Kingdom of God—a never ending Kingdom (v.6c, v.7)**
- **He does it by being Our WONDERFUL COUNSELOR.**

- **Hebrews 1:1-3** "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high..."

1) JOY through revealing to us the purpose of His coming. He came to purchase the gospel of God for His people—all who will come to faith in Him and what He's done to buy back sinners from sin and death and into a loving relationship with God as Father forever. "

- **The word Gospel literally means "Good news that brings joy!" And nothing has ever be truer.**
- **Matthew 13:44** "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Q. Do you listen to, trust, and obey Jesus' WONDERFUL COUNSEL concerning how to have joy?

2) FREEDOM from slavery though revealing to us that we are not simply in need of improvement but we are in fact in need of being set free from our love of sin and ourselves.

- **John 8:34-36** "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
- **That's why he had said in John 8:12** "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- **That's exactly why the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans chapter 6 that** "we are no longer slaves to sin but now slaves to righteousness."

Q. Do you listen to, trust, and obey Jesus' WONDERFUL COUNSEL concerning how to be free from slavery to sin?

- **3) PEACE through revealing to us that he was born and given not only to give us peace with one another, not only peace with God forever, but even peace that will spread from shore to shore when Jesus comes back.**
- He will put an end to all wars and strife and sin and suffering. Then we shall have peace fully realized.
- **Revelation 21:3-4** "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Q. Do you listen to, trust, and obey Jesus' WONDERFUL COUNSEL concerning how to have peace?

4) WORSHIP through revealing to us the proper way to live our lives—we are created to know God, be loved by Him, love Him back, and worship Him.

- **John 4:24** "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."
- **Philippians 3:3** "For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—"

Q. Do you listen to, trust, and obey Jesus' WONDERFUL COUNSEL concerning how to worship God?

- *He is the Wonderful Counselor. Listen to him.*
- *Trust his sinless life to establish the righteousness you need to stand upright before God;*
- *trust his work on the cross to pay your sin debt to God;*
- *trust his empty tomb as the promise that his life and death did accomplish your forgiveness and acceptance with God;*
- *obey his commands and walk in the light with him and you will no longer walk in the darkness, but have the light of life;*
- *worship him in Spirit and in Truth and you will have joy, freedom, peace, and God will be glorified from now and to eternity in you.*